

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 10/626,633
Atty. Docket No. Q75566

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A cannula (1) having a protection cap (2) for a medical infusion line, said cannula comprising a hollow body (3) defining at a first end (6) a female luer lock connector (4-5) adapted to be mated with a male luer lock connector and bearing at a second end an axial tubular ferrule (7), said hollow body (3) having an outer surface formed with lateral teeth (9), and said protection cap (2) having an inner surface formed with complementary lateral teeth (12), wherein said protection cap (2) is configured to be removably applied onto said hollow body (3) to enclose said tubular ferrule (7) with said lateral teeth (9, 12) of said hollow body (3) and said cap (2) is configured to be mutually coupled torsionally for a first direction of rotation corresponding to unscrewing said female luer lock connector (4-5) from said male luer lock connector, and wherein said outer surface of said hollow body (3) and said inner surface of said protection cap (2) are both cylindrical and said lateral teeth (9, 12) of said hollow body (3) and cap (2) have respective included sides configured to torsionally couple said protection cap (2) and said hollow body (3) in a second direction of rotation opposite to said first

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direction until a predetermined torque is reached and providing axial disengagement of said cap (2) relative to said cannula (1) when said predetermined torque is reached.

14. (Previously Presented) A cannula as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said lateral teeth (9, 12) of said hollow body (3) and cap (2) are axially tapered.

15. (Previously Presented) A cannula according to Claim 13, wherein said lateral teeth (12) of the protection cap (2) terminate within said cap (2) at an inner annular flange (13) having an axial stop projection (14) to space said annular flange (13) from said second end (8) of said hollow body (3).

16. (Currently Amended) A cannula according to Claim 13, wherein said cap (2) is ~~formed externally with~~ comprises external manual actuation parts.